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WELCOME TO OUR

May Newsletter



In this newsletter:

Latest projects, Kimberly's travel itinerary, Christina's story, and more. Keep Reading!

Inclusion is vital

Last month the ladies of Iglesia Vida had a special activity. They toured the botanical gardens guided by our very own Albina! Two of our Deaf women attended as well. After the tour they were able to share their testimony and present the Gospel to the hearing ladies in attendance. It's so important for our Deaf to share their stories and lives with the hearing. When that communication goes both ways, everyone benefits!

Prayer Requests

1. For the Deaf and their families to know Jesus
2. Upcoming camp for the Deaf
3. God's Leading regarding decisions
4. Albina: recovery from the inflammation caused by CoVid. It's been a really slow recovery and needs her breathing and energy restored.
5. Myra: colon surgery complications and bowel obstruction
6. Kimberly: travel itinerary, health and safety



Albina's reflections

GUATEMALA DIRECTOR

For the Deaf to participate with the hearing is the real inclusion. We had two Deaf women share their testimony and present the Gospel to the hearing women of Iglesia Vida this month!



Note from Albina:

ATTENDING A TRAINING
HOSTED BY JONI AND FRIENDS

This month, we had the privilege of attending an insightful and inspiring workshop hosted by Joni and Friends, a ministry of the Joni Eareckson Tada Foundation based in the United States. The training focused on how churches around the world are effectively meeting the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of individuals with disabilities. Through powerful testimonies and practical teaching, we were challenged to examine how our own church can become more inclusive and accessible. A key part of the workshop explored what Scripture says about people with disabilities and how deeply God values and loves each one. We walked away with valuable resources and practical strategies to help us better welcome, support, and involve people with disabilities in every area of ministry. Joining us were Pastor Esteban and his wife Rosie, as well as Pastor Rodrigo, all of whom are excited to implement what we've learned within each of our local church communities.



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Christina's Story

MISSIONS TRAVEL IS SO MUCH DIFFERENT THAN A VACATION

When I was approached about this missions trip, I will admit this was not my first time out of the country but it was my first missions trip. Guatemala was much different than the US.

With God's leading the five of us flew there and I was so impressed with the missions staff! Roy and Myra, Albina, Vanessa and Emely were all so sweet! I had already met Kimberly and enjoyed getting to know her even more as she helped us to learn Guatemalan sign language. It was wonderful to meet everyone.

The Deaf people in Guatemala are so loving, even though they are faced with so many difficulties. I find different languages interesting and was able to pick up their language quickly. I enjoyed communicating with the Guatemala Deaf, especially the four Deaf pastors

because we had the opportunity to spend the week with them and get to know them. I was able to share with them about the importance of women's ministries.

My prayer is that these four will continue to teach the Deaf about God's love, that they will receive support from the mission and can gather more frequently to learn and grow in their intimacy with the Lord. That's so important as they spread the love of God to the Deaf in that country.

This trip was beyond all my expectations! When you travel for missions, you don't just see places, you meet individuals and develop relationships. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to go and experience this for myself. I believe many out there in the world absolutely and desperately need Jesus.

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Note from Kimberly:

In April, I began my annual support-raising journey for Latin Deaf Services, Inc., while also connecting with several Deaf churches we hope to partner with in the future. This year, I had the privilege of sharing our mission with five churches in and around my hometown, including my sending church, Leon Bible Church. One of the highlights of this leg of the trip was spending meaningful time with the incredible ladies from our Missions Committee. Together, we worked on a special project and enjoyed sweet fellowship—building friendships, sharing stories, and truly doing life together. It was a refreshing and encouraging experience. As I look ahead, I'm preparing to visit churches and supporters in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Michigan. If you or someone you know would like to host a presentation at your church, Bible study, VBS, or civic group, I'd love the opportunity to share how God is using our ministry to reach the Deaf for Christ.



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